



AORN Meeting

Thursday, July 9th

6:30 pm

Pizza Ranch

880 Lincoln Road

Speaker: Steve Zepelin

Fundamentals of Steam Sterilization Process Monitoring



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The May meeting was held at Pizza Ranch in Bettendorf, Iowa. President Sue Goddard-Gerrald called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, after our educational offering, with 5 members present.

Board Meeting: Did not meet

Secretary's Report: The March minutes were approved as printed in the May newsletter. After the meeting, Julie Shafer pointed out the following - Sue Siltman was to contact Michelle Mathias regarding the raffle, not Sue Goddard-Gerald. Also the guest waitressing at Pizza Ranch is January 18th not January 16th, 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in checking as of April 30th is \$2430.52, with \$91.21 in savings.

Membership: 44 members. A reminder to the membership - national dues will be increasing to \$160.

Legislative Report: President Sue Goddard-Gerald presented the following legislative items:

The session 'Speak Up: Navigating the Legislative Process' at the Surgical Conference and Expo focused on the how a bill becomes law and how to communicate effectively with your legislators.

Massachusetts legislature is considering a bill to mandate certification and continuing education for central service technicians working in Massachusetts.

RN circulator legislation has been introduced in the North Carolina. The bill would require at least one of the circulating nurses to be a registered nurse.

Fundraising: Julie Shafer brought the sales information from the nut sales to Becky. All of the funds have not been deposited yet. Becky will bring a final report to the July meeting.

The raffle did not come together in time for the May time frame. It was decided to postpone the raffle until perioperative nurse week in November.

January 16th, 2016 we have a spot reserved at the Bettendorf Pizza Ranch to guest waitress as a fundraiser.

Old Business: The Board of Directors has met to review the policy manual. Becky will work on putting the recommendations into a readable format and present at the July meeting

As a reminder, AORN newsletters can be accessed on the Genesis website:
<http://www.genesishealth.com/services/surgery/aorn>. It will be included in the careers section.

New Business:

Elections will be held at the July meeting. It was determined that all officers are eligible to serve a second term. All officers are willing to continue but as Julie Shafer, President-Elect/Vice-President is planning to move from the area at some point, she will undoubtedly not be able to complete the term. Denise Westendorf was suggested as a potential replacement.

Much discussion was held on the declining membership and meeting attendance. It was suggested that a survey monkey be developed and sent to the membership. Becky Gluesing volunteered to do this. One suggestion was to consider some Saturday morning meetings. Perhaps quarterly and have them include a longer educational offering. Another suggestion was to send out a yearly calendar. This will be done once the schedule is solidified.

Delegates, voting privileges and funding at the Surgical Conference and Expo were also discussed. The following questions were posed:

When are applications for Foundation Grants first accepted? What is the deadline?

Are there additional funds available to the membership?

We would like clarification on the voting process at the Surgical Expo and Conference, specifically who can vote. Is it only delegates or any member in attendance?

What is the correct title when referring to headquarters was the final question to be included.

Education: Thanks to Julie Shafer for arranging the webinar on the RP for Cleaning and Care of Surgical Instruments.

The July meeting is scheduled for the 9th at the Bettendorf Pizza Ranch. [HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!](#)

Respectively Submitted

Becky Gluesing, Secretary/Treasurer